

December 9th, 2019

Dear Member Organisation,

RE: Update from The International Federation of Physical Therapists working in Occupational Health and Ergonomics (IFPTOHE).

We are delighted to announce IFPTOHE became an official WCTP subgroup in May 2019. The First IFPTOHE General Meeting was held in Geneva in May 2019, at which Executive Committee members were elected. The newly elected committee members, their position and role, are:

- Rose Boucaut (Australia) – Chair Person - Membership
- Yvonne de Leeuw (The Netherlands) – Vice Chair Person – Clinical Practice
- Marisa Coetzee (South Africa) – Secretary - Website
- Fredrik Lassen (Denmark) - Treasurer
- Nicola Suckley (UK) – Public Relations
- Kjerstin Stigmar (Sweden) – Education
- Rosimeire Simprini Padula (Brazil) - Research

Since then, the committee has been working hard on developing key features and function of the IFPTOHE subgroup. This includes:

Website: Secretary, Marisa Coetzee has taken the lead on developing a website for IFPTOHE. This will provide information for our members and information prospective members would require. The website will serve as a repository for resources within the academic, clinical and research fields and aim to inform the public and practitioners of developments within the field of occupational health and ergonomics. The website will go live early in 2020, we hope by the end of January. Information about it will be posted on LinkedIn. The development of the website includes the exciting process of choosing and designing the group logo and deciding on the look and feel of website, ensuring an accurate representation of the subgroup in a modern society on all communication platforms.

IFPTOHE Logo: Vice- President, Yvonne de Leeuw is coordinating the development of a **logo** for the subgroup. We invite every member organisation to send in their idea or a design of an appealing logo. You can even send in the logo of your national subgroup or another if you find it a good example of what our IFPTOHE logo should look like. A logo or contribution is expected to be creative, meaningful and ready for the future.

Please send your ideas by 09-03-2020 to Yvonne de Leeuw <info@visiek.nl> . The IFPTOHE-executive committee will announce in April which country contributed the most in finding an appropriate logo. The IFPTOHE board will take this further if needed and propose a logo in May.

Vision and Mission: Nic Suckley is coordinating the development of a vision and mission statement for IFPTOHE based on WCPT and Member Organisation objectives. We will send you some material on this early in the new year as part of the consultation process.

Membership: We are keen to ensure we have relevant contact details for all Member Organisations. To do so, each IFPTOHE committee has been tasked with contacting a number of MO's. Please can you ensure you respond to this request, so our database is up to date

Social Media: Our goal is to update our MOs using social media to inform you about conferences, as well as publicize the contribution of physiotherapists working in the field of occupational health and ergonomics. Additionally we will provide news about training and research.

WCPT Congress 2021: The next WCPT congress will be held in **Dubai in April 2021**

<https://www.wcpt.org/wcpt2021> and we are hoping you will attend. The IFPTOHE committee are currently working alongside the WCPT conference team to develop networking and educational opportunities for our members. There is currently a call for Focussed Symposia and next year there will be a call for Abstracts so please encourage your peers to submit their work for congress sessions.

Education and Research: Our ambition is to have an on-going dialogue with our colleagues all over the world, in order to increase our competence in the area of work and health. If your Member Organisation has questions on either education or research, please contact Kjerstin Stigmar (education) or Rosi Padula (research).

Best wishes for 2020 We look forward to continuing to develop IFPTOHE and would welcome any comments or feedback from all Member Organisations.

With kind regards from

The IFPTOHE Executive Committee (Rose Boucaut, Yvonne de Leeuw, Marisa Coetzee, Fredrik Lassen, Rosimeire Simprini Padula, Kjerstin Stigmar, and Nicola Suckley)

IFPTOHE Member Organisations:

1. Occupational Health Physiotherapy Australia
2. Nacional subgroup Associação Brasileira de Fisioterapeutas do Trabalho - ABRAFIT (Brazil)
3. Danish Society for Physiotherapy in Occupational Health
4. Estonian Association of Physiotherapists (no national subgroup)
5. The Association of Finnish Physiotherapists in Occupational Health
6. The Panhellenic Physiotherapists' Association (no national subgroup, Greece)
7. The Icelandic Physiotherapy Association (no national subgroup)
8. Chartered Physiotherapists in Occupational Health and Ergonomics (Ireland)
9. Japanese Society of Physical Therapy section on Occupational Health
10. Kenya Society of Physiotherapists (no national subgroup)
11. Physiotherapists in Occupational Health and Ergonomics (Malta)
12. Dutch Association for occupational and work-related physical therapy (Netherlands)
13. Occupational Health Physiotherapy Group (New Zealand)
14. Norwegian Physiotherapist Associations' occupational health and ergonomics interest group
15. The Asociacion Peruana de Teraistas Fisicos (no national subgroup, Peru)
16. Occupational Health Special Interest Group (South Africa)
17. PhysioSwiss (no national subgroup, Switzerland)
18. The Association of Chartered Physiotherapists in Occupational Health and Ergonomics (United Kingdom)
19. The Slovenian Association of Physiotherapists (no national subgroup)
20. The Spanish Association of Physiotherapists (no national subgroup)
21. The Sudanese Physiotherapy Association (no national subgroup)
22. The Swedish Section of Work Health and Ergonomics
23. The Uganda Association of Physiotherapy (no national subgroup)